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## **PUBLIC NOTICE AND ORDER**

I, JENNIFER TIDBALL, ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, hereby issue the following order pursuant to the authority delegated to me through Executive Order 20-04, for which the Governor has given his consent:

- 1). The phrases “or any recipient of,” “or recipient, and “or recipient of” and “certified mail” in 209.030.2 and .3 RSMo. shall be suspended to preserve a participant’s eligibility for the Blind Pension program beginning March 18, 2020, and for the duration of the emergency and subsequent recovery period by removing provisions that terminate coverage for current recipients, and to ease the lines of communication between the department and its Blind Pension participants.
- 2). The phrase “[i]n order to continue to be eligible to receive a pension under the provisions of this section, a person shall present to the department of social services every fifth year after the initial vision test, or sooner at the request of the department if the department has reason to believe the person is not eligible for a blind pension, a new certificate of an ophthalmologist, a physician skilled in disease of the eye, or an optometrist, designated or approved by the department to make a scientific vision test that such person continues to meet the requirements of this section. The ophthalmologist, physician, or optometrist who conducted the vision test may indicate that a reexamination should be performed in less than five years if the person's vision may reasonably be expected to improve within five years,” in 209.040.2, RSMo, shall be suspended to preserve Blind Pension coverage for program participants by delaying any vision re-examinations beginning March 18, 2020, and during the period of emergency and subsequent recovery period.
- 3). 13 CSR 40-13.015(8) and (9)(B) shall be suspended to preserve a participant’s eligibility for the Blind Pension program beginning March 18, 2020, and for the duration of the emergency and subsequent recovery period by suspending disqualifications of eligibility for the program.
- 4). 13 CSR 40-13.020(9) is suspended to preserve a participant’s eligibility for the Blind Pension program beginning March 18, 2020, and for the duration of the

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emergency and subsequent recovery period by suspending the conditions for the termination of coverage for active recipients.

5). 208.026.3-.06, RSMo, shall be suspended to preserve a participant's eligibility for the Temporary Assistance program beginning March 18, 2020, and for the duration of the emergency and subsequent recovery period by removing the program's work activity requirements and sanctions.

6). 208.040.5(2) and (7), RSMo, shall be suspended to temporarily remove Temporary Assistance work activity requirements in order to preserve coverage for participants beginning March 18, 2020, and during the period of emergency and subsequent recovery period, and to waive the orientation for new Temporary Assistance applicants since the requirements identified in the orientation will be suspended.

7). 208.146.4, RSMo, shall be suspended in order to preserve coverage for participants in the Ticket-to-Work Health Assurance Program by removing premium requirements, pursuant to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, beginning March 18, 2020, and during the period of emergency and subsequent recovery period.

This order shall terminate on May 15, 2020, unless extended in whole or in part.

SO ORDERED on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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JENNIFER TIDBALL, ACTING DIRECTOR  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES